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COMMONWEALTH OF VIRGINIA

STATE CORPORATION COMMISSION

AT RICHMOND, FEBRUARY 13, 2001

APPLICATION OF

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

CASE NO. PUC010032

For approval of its
Plan for Alternative Regulation

ORDER FOR NOTICE AND COMMENT

Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or "Company") filed, on January 31, 2001, the above-captioned application, pursuant to § 56-235.5 of the Code of Virginia. The Company requests that the State Corporation Commission ("Commission"), modify its current Plan for Alternative Regulation¹ and proposes a modified Plan ("modified Plan"). Verizon Virginia represents that the modified Plan is a mirroring of the Plan for Alternative Regulation previously approved for Verizon South Inc. in Case No. PUC000265 on December 21, 2000,² and reflects the applicable merger conditions required by the Commission's Final Order in Case No. PUC990100 ("Merger Order"). Verizon Virginia asserts that the modified Plan, which is attached to

¹ The current Plan for Alternative Regulation ("current Plan") for Verizon Virginia was adopted on October 18, 1994, in Case No. PUC930036.

² Verizon Virginia also represents that the provisions in its modified Plan are similar to provisions previously approved in the Plan for Alternative Regulation for the Sprint local exchange companies, United Telephone-Southeast, Inc., and Central Telephone Company of Virginia.

the application, meets the statutory requirements for approval and is in the public interest.

A major provision of the modified Plan would cap prices for Verizon Virginia's basic local exchange telecommunications services until January 1, 2004, as required by the Commission's Merger Order. In addition, the modified Plan provides that no price increase for basic or discretionary services will be permitted unless Verizon Virginia is meeting Commission standards for service quality and reliability.

NOW THE COMMISSION, upon consideration of the application, is of the opinion that public notice of the application should be given and a period established for the receipt of public comments or requests for hearing.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED THAT:

(1) This matter is docketed and assigned Case No. PUC010032.

(2) The Company shall publish, on or before March 9, 2001, the following notice as display advertising in newspapers having general circulation throughout its service territory within the Commonwealth:

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC THAT VERIZON VIRGINIA
INC. HAS APPLIED TO THE STATE CORPORATION
COMMISSION TO MODIFY ITS PLAN
OF ALTERNATIVE REGULATION
CASE NO. PUC010032

Verizon Virginia Inc. ("Verizon Virginia" or "Company") filed an application with the State Corporation Commission ("Commission") on January 31, 2001, to modify its current Plan of Alternative Regulation, pursuant to § 56-235.5 of the Code of Virginia ("modified Plan"). Under the proposed modified Plan, prices for basic local exchange telecommunications services provided by the Company would be capped at their current level through January 1, 2004, as required by the Commission's Merger Order in Case No. PUC990100. The modified Plan also provides that no price increases for basic or discretionary services would be permitted unless Verizon Virginia is meeting Commission standards for service quality and reliability. The modified Plan contains several other new provisions.

The proposed modified Plan and the Company's application are available for public inspection at the State Corporation Commission's Document Control Center, Monday through Friday, between the hours of 8:15 a.m. and 5:00 p.m., in the Tyler Building, 1300 East Main Street, Richmond, Virginia. A copy of the application and proposed modified Plan may also be obtained by written request to Verizon Virginia's counsel, Lydia R. Pulley, Vice President and General Counsel, Verizon Virginia Inc., 600 East Main Street, Suite 1100, Richmond, Virginia 23219-2441. Verizon Virginia should make a copy available on an electronic basis upon request.

Interested persons may comment or request a hearing on the proposed modified Plan by filing, on or before April 2, 2001, an original and five (5) copies of any such document with the Clerk of the State Corporation Commission, whose mailing address is P. O. Box 2118, Richmond, Virginia 23218. Any document filed must refer to Case No. PUC010032, and one (1) copy must be served at the time of filing

with the Company's counsel listed above. Requests for hearing should state an appropriate basis for convening a hearing and indicate the evidence the filing party intends to offer at any hearing. In the absence of a sufficient request for hearing, the Commission may act upon the papers filed in this case without convening a hearing.

VERIZON VIRGINIA INC.

(3) On or before April 2, 2001, interested parties may comment or request a hearing on the application and modified Plan by filing an original and five (5) copies of such document with the Clerk of the Commission.

(4) This matter is continued for further orders of the Commission.